



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of the following pending application, by the following named inventor(s):

Application No. 09/989,530 Filed: November 21, 2001

Title: ULTRA-LOW CARBON STEEL SHEET AND A METHOD FOR ITS MANUFACTURE

Inventor(s): Syuji Nakai; Tatsuo Kanai; Yoshihiko Higuchi; Sei Hiraki

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

☐ This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

☒ Applicant(s) suggests Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:

Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.



☒ The certified copy of the priority application

☐ is enclosed.

☒ was filed on January 25, 2002 in prior Application No. 09/989,530, filed on November 21, 2001, and acknowledged by the Examiner on January 24, 2003 in Paper No. 5.

☐ has not yet been filed.

12. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

14. ☐ A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.

15. ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to The Partners of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, LLP

a. ☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. ☒ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. ☐ Recognize as Associate Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

d. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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